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# Parking ban tickets spike

**Enforcement.** Already more than 2,200 issued than in all of last year



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The overnight parking ban has been enforced more times in the past month than it was all last winter, leading to thousands more tickets for drivers caught with cars left on the street.

According to city spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs, the overnight parking ban has been enforced 18 times this winter, including Wednesday, bypassing the 14 times it was enforced last year from Dec. 15 to March 31.

"This season we ... put the ban in place (for the first time) Jan. 28," Stairs said. "We enforced it last season (from) the very first night."

### Quoted

**"We're getting hammered in a very short period."**

City spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs

Stairs said this winter has seen heavy snow and ice crammed into the past four weeks, as opposed to last year when residents dealt with storms from December to April and the ban was rarely enforced more than two nights. This year has seen five or six night enforcement episodes in a row.

There have been 39 cars towed during the ban so far this year, Stairs said, compared to 33 last year.

The city said 5,614 tickets have been issued to drivers who have broken the parking ban as of Tuesday morning, compared to 3,346 tickets overall last winter. A parking ban ticket is \$50.

Stairs said it's not clear

why there would be such a jump in tickets, but suggested some residents might not have always known about the parking ban since it was enforced on clear nights this year to help with snow removal.

"We didn't take that step nearly as much last season," Stairs said.

Early Wednesday, Stairs said crews were expected to clear snow between roads and sidewalks on downtown Halifax streets, due to ice cutting on residential streets, and putting down salt to benefit from Wednesday's expected warmer temperatures.

Halifax Regional Police officers issue the parking ban tickets as well, but spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said it doesn't take away from priority calls because officers ticket or tow cars if needed when they are on patrol, or have down time on a shift.

"We're not solely focusing on that," he said.



## ONE-GAME SHOWDOWN

Acadia Axemen's Geoff Schemitsch, left, and Saint Mary's Huskies' Bradley Greene collide during Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoff action at the Halifax Forum on Tuesday night. The Axemen edged Saint Mary's 2-1 to force a fifth, and deciding, game in their AUS semifinal series on Thursday at Acadia. For coverage, see page 20. JEFF HARPER/METRO



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# Councillors get heated over ice management for roads

**Winter.** Council members talk for nearly an hour on request for report into the use of beet juice, brines, molasses, in other cities



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An apparently innocuous request for a staff report into organic and inorganic salt enhancers generated an unexpectedly animated debate at the latest regional council meeting.

Coun. Linda Mosher asked for the staff report Tuesday to investigate management strategies for icy roads in other Canadian cities, and specifically the use of substances to enhance traditional road salt, such as calcium chloride — a distillery by-product — as well as beet juice, pickle and cheese brine, and sugar cane molasses.

"These organics ... form a gooey, syrupy substance to which salt adheres," she said, noting climate change is expected to bring more ice events to the east coast. "Some of these products are effective in temperatures as low as -40 C."



A car travels on an ice covered street last week. Coun. Linda Mosher asked for a staff report Tuesday to investigate management strategies for icy roads in other Canadian cities, and specifically the use of substances to enhance traditional road salt, such as calcium chloride — a distillery by-product — as well as beet juice, pickle and cheese brine, and sugar cane molasses. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Quoted

**"My driveway's ... an absolute and complete mess. I'd put pickle juice on it, I'd put beet juice on it. I'd put zucchini paste or coleslaw or gravy, whatever I could to make it better if I thought it would work."**

Mayor Mike Savage

Councillors initially were hesitant to approve the request, saying it was too prescriptive and that city staff could and should be trusted to investigate all the options for improvements in future winters.

"We don't have to wait for a staff member to assure us that they are constantly evaluating best practices," said Coun. Reg Rankin. "That's their job. We assume that they're competent, that's why we hired them."

The deputy CAO clarified that without specific direction, an annual report on the winter works program wouldn't necessarily include a review of the issues in Mosher's motion. "The policy is, we want our residents to be safe," said an ex-

asperated Coun. Tim Outhit, 40 minutes into the debate.

"I cannot see any reason why a board of directors can't say, we want to look at new ideas to see if we can make things safer and more efficient for our residents ... how is that not doing our job?"

Council eventually voted 15-1 in favour of Mosher's motion after she amended it to request the staff report be included in the annual post-mortem of snow and ice operations over the entire winter season.

## New development planned at Young and Windsor



**Coun. Jennifer Watts.**  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax regional council has agreed to start the process of amending city planning regulations to allow a new twin-tower development at the corner of Young and Windsor streets.

Councillors voted unanimously Tuesday in favour of a staff recommendation to initiate the process of rezoning the empty lot at the intersection's northeast corner.

The W.M. Fares Group sub-

mitted the application on behalf of Young Developments Inc. for a three-building project consisting of a three to five-storey commercial building and two residential buildings of 21 and 16 storeys.

"I would certainly encourage residents to take a look at this, to participate in the public information meeting," said Coun. Jennifer Watts, who tabled the motion. "It's certainly an area of the north

end that's undergoing densification and transformation, so we want to make sure we get that right."

Although the land is currently designated institutional, the staff report notes that there have been approvals for two major condominium projects nearby.

It also notes the site is considered an, "ideal location to provide for urban intensification within the

Halifax Peninsula."

"Its context at the corner of two streets with high levels of transit service, adjacent to existing commercial service uses, and directly adjacent uses to the north, west, and east which would not be unduly impacted by the introduction of increased height allowances make it an excellent candidate for redevelopment of a brown-field site," reads the staff report. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

## Wild foliage

### Mechanical harvesting of lake weeds approved

Regional council has approved a recommendation to use a mechanical harvester to control the weeds in two Dartmouth lakes.

The motion approved Tuesday clears the way for a \$182,000 contract to have the weeds physically pulled out of lakes Banook and MicMac, using a "vessel with submerged blades and collection system."

It's considered only a short-term fix, according to a staff report, but the

motion directs staff to investigate long-term solutions as well.

Coun. Darren Fisher said the excessive weeds could preclude HRM from hosting major paddling events such as the World Championships, but are also a nuisance and a danger to all lake users.

**RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

## Historic property

### Sackville farm gets heritage designation

A Middle Sackville property has been approved as a municipally-registered heritage property.

Council voted Tuesday

in favour of the application from resident Michelle Moxon, who currently owns the farmhouse and land at 1320 Old Sackville Road.

The land was bought by Ethelred Henry Oland, son of the founders of the Dartmouth brewery, sometime in the 1870s.

**RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**



Crime

## Man gets 90 days for smuggling child porn

An American citizen has been sentenced to 90 days in jail for smuggling child pornography, after he was arrested in December on a boat in Eastern Passage, says a Canada Border Services Agency release.

The CBSA announced Tuesday that Brian Scott Long, 51, of Washington had pleaded guilty in Dartmouth provincial court Monday to smuggling child pornography.

While searching a vessel docked at the Autoport Terminal in Eastern Passage, the release said CBSA officers interviewed Long to determine whether to allow him into Canada.

During a second search of his belongings, the officers found suspected child porn on a laptop.

Long was arrested and charged with smuggling.

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Crime

## Ponzi court case adjourned till May

The man accused of being the mastermind behind a Ponzi scheme will be back in court this May, so he can elect whether his trial will be heard at the provincial court level or by the Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

Quintin Earl Sponagle was scheduled to be in Windsor court on Tuesday to make his election, but the decision was postponed until May 1.

Sponagle is accused of defrauding 179 investors out of more than \$4 million.

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## Truck off track

A pedestrian walks around a transport truck as workers try to figure out how to get it unstuck. The transport got caught on a snowbank Tuesday afternoon while pulling into the Halifax Infirmary. Transport trucks have been having a hard time navigating the narrow roads and solid snowbanks in the past week.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Africville residents seek changes to proposed lawsuit

## Eviction. New evidence could mean reopening agreed-upon settlement

Hundreds of people who were relocated from a black community in Halifax decades ago are hoping to breathe new life into a statement of claim filed nearly 20 years ago, after discovering new evidence about their eviction.

Lawyer Robert Pineo said the City of Halifax expropriated the land in Africville in the 1960s but did not follow its own rules under the city's charter.

Pineo said the residents were never informed at the time that there was a process they could follow to appeal the amount of compensation they were offered for the land.

He said the city was required to publish a notice of expropriation in a newspaper and send registered letters to landowners, but neither of those requirements were met.

"Their understanding of the matter was that the city had the power to acquire their lands unilaterally and there was no recourse available to them," said Pineo.

Pineo is seeking to amend a statement of claim filed in 1996 to include the evidence of expropriation. A hearing

Quoted

"(The residents) are very anxious to have the matter determined."

Lawyer Robert Pineo

on the request is scheduled for Wednesday in Nova Scotia Supreme Court.

A motion filed with the court on Dec. 15 said the amendment would also remove earlier claims, such as personal injury and conspiracy, which "should vastly improve the advancement and manageability of the action."

Pineo said if the amend-

ment is accepted, the next step would be to seek certification for a class-action lawsuit, which he estimates could involve about 300 people.

Black people first settled in Africville on the southern shore of the Bedford Basin around the mid-1800s, but it was demolished in the 1960s in the name of urban renewal.

The original statement of claim made a number of allegations, including one that the city did not provide adequate compensation and another that Africville residents were pressured to accept the offered compensation.

Court documents filed by the city on Jan. 7 say an agreement on the original claim

eventually was reached in 2010. That included a public apology by then-mayor Peter Kelly and \$3 million to rebuild the Africville church, among other things. The settlement did not include personal compensation.

The city argues in its defence that if the amendment is accepted, it would effectively reopen a settlement that was already reached.

"(The municipality) submits that nothing new has arisen that would permit this court to set aside the release or allow for a change in the settlement permitting a claim now for personal compensation."

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# Former Masters champ to tee off at Ashburn as Canada Cup returns

**Golf.** Fred Couples to play for Team World at second annual Halifax event in July



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Not even last summer's delay on the course caused by Tropical Storm Arthur can stop the RBC Canada Cup from coming back to Halifax — and this year it will include World Golf Hall of Famer Fred Couples.

Couples, a 15-time PGA Tour champion who has won The Masters once and The Players Championship twice, will captain Team World for the second annual event, set for July 6 at Ashburn Golf Club's new course, SportBox Entertainment Group announced Tuesday.

The well-known American will tee off against Team Canada captain Mike Weir, David Hearn and Graham DeLaet for 18 holes, alongside two international teammates to be announced at a later date.

"We had 25,000 spectators, including one uninvited guest, which turned out to be Tropical Storm Arthur," Mayor Mike Savage said Tuesday during a conference call. "That did not dampen the enthusiasm."

The inaugural RBC Canada Cup and preceding Nova Scotia Open also featured 300 local volunteers and resulted in net economic activity of more than \$4 million, Savage said.

The conference call also included 2003 Masters champion Weir, who is currently recovering from an inflamed elbow, but said Tuesday he'll be ready to take to the green this summer.

"We got beat up pretty



Fred Couples tees off on the 12th hole during Round 1 of the Northern Trust Open at Riviera Country Club on Feb. 19 in Pacific Palisades, Calif. Couples will play in Halifax this summer at the RBC Canada Cup. JD CUBAN/GETTY IMAGES

good last year," Weir said with a chuckle over Team Canada's 5-1/2 to 1/2 loss to Team World last July. "Graham and David and I really want to perform

better than we did last year."

While Couples will provide serious competition, Weir said he has always been "kind of like an older brother to me."

"So to have the chance to square off with him will be great."

The RBC Canada Cup caps off the Web.com Tour's Nova

## Quoted

"I am excited to be part of the RBC Canada Cup and look forward to visiting Halifax this summer."

World Golf Hall of Famer Fred Couples

Scotia Open, which runs July 2-5, also at the Ashburn course in Fall River. It's the only Canadian location on the 25-stop tour, featuring a field of 156 golfers playing for a \$650,000 purse.

Team Canada and Team World will both be joined by a top Nova Scotia Open player for the week's final event.

Tickets for the Nova Scotia Open are now available at novascotiaopen.com or via Ticket Atlantic locations. All four rounds of the event will be televised on the Golf Channel.

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## Halifax airport sees record year in total passengers

Halifax Stanfield International Airport is celebrating its busiest year on record.

A release from the airport authority states that more than 3.6 million people passed through the airport in 2014, a 2.2 per cent increase over 2013.

Airport authority president Joyce Carter attributes the success to "new and expanded" airline routes.

"After a slow start due to difficult weather in the first quarter, traffic built steadily from May onwards, culminating with five record setting months in the last half of 2014," Carter says in the release.

There were 18 scheduled and charter passenger lines serving Halifax Stanfield in 2014, flying to 49 non-stop destinations.

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Passengers check in at the airport's self-serve baggage kiosks last July.

JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Forecast

### Snowfall warning issued for Halifax on Wednesday

Get those shovels ready again. Environment Canada has

issued a snowfall warning for Halifax, with between 10 and 20 centimetres of snow possible through the day on Wednesday.

The warning says snow at times heavy will begin Wednesday morning and continue throughout the day, before

things change to rain late in the afternoon.

The fast-moving system will begin to clear in the evening.

"There may be a significant impact on rush hour traffic in urban areas," the warning reads. **METRO**



An example of a tank that will be found at the Floatation Centre, taken at the Cloud 9 Float Spa in British Columbia. CONTRIBUTED

# Halifax businesses floating a new idea

**Sensory deprivation.**  
Two facilities featuring the relaxing tanks soon opening in the north end and Bedford



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Lying in warm water, buoyed by Epsom salts, you relax and spread out as darkness and silence settles in around you.

Known as “floating,” sensory-deprivation tanks have been used since the 1950s but have seen a real surge in popularity across Canada over the past few years, and Halifax is expected to see two open in the next two months.

“It’s such a unique experience,” says Lindsay MacPhee, owner of the Floatation Centre, which is now undergoing renovations on King Street in Halifax’s north end.

“A lot of times people fall asleep — and you won’t flip over,” MacPhee adds with a laugh.



**Lindsay MacPhee, owner of the Floatation Centre** CONTRIBUTED

MacPhee, 32, moved home to Halifax in 2013 after years in British Columbia as an environmental engineer, and decided to go into the floating business once she realized the closest facility was located in Montreal.

Getting into a soundproof tank may seem claustrophobic, MacPhee says, but you can always leave the hatch open or

play music. The real benefits come from letting your mind wander and sink into a meditative state with no distractions.

Floating has been shown to help those with chronic pain and insomnia, and is popular with athletes who want to quicken recovery time, due to a one-hour session feeling like four to six hours of REM sleep, MacPhee says, as well as the high magnesium content in the solution.

MacPhee is hoping to open her centre in March, with two pods at first, and has started crowdfunding to help with extra construction costs and spreading awareness.

Dr. Mike Buckley has been working on the Compass Rose Health and Wellness Centre for the past three years, and hopes to open a Bedford facility featuring different therapists, physicians and a float room with four pods in April.

As a registered counseling therapist with a PhD in psychology, Buckley says he’s interested in seeing how floating in a tank affects patients who have post-traumatic stress disorder, or are dealing with such

## Pricing

- **Compass Rose Health Centre:** \$80 a float. \$99 for three as opening bonus.
- **The Floatation Centre:** \$65 a float. \$50 with a monthly membership.

addictions as gambling and smoking.

Floating is a “tried and tested” method of helping people quickly develop relaxation and meditation skills, Buckley says, adding that blood samples taken before and after a float show a drop in cortisol blood levels, one of the most damaging stress hormones.

While both centres are opening around the same time, Buckley says their customer base will likely be different, and six pods probably won’t saturate the floating market.

“Our society focuses on a very high-stress, high-speed lifestyle,” he says. “And people are quite desperate for a change.”



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# Explosion causes 'a hell of a mess'

## Waterville.

Overheated furnace determined as cause

The owner of a Annapolis County home ran down Porters Lane to his aunt's just after 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, carrying his little dog wrapped in a blanket.

Gloria Porter said her red-faced nephew handed her the dog and told her his furnace had exploded and it was "a hell of a mess."

Living two houses down from her nephew's home, Porter said she didn't feel the ground shake or hear anything that sounded like an explosion early Tuesday in Waterville, but she did hear sirens and see flashing lights when emergency crews arrived on scene.

"Everybody got out good. Thank God," she said.

Broken windows and doors hanging from hinges were signs something went very wrong overnight at the one-storey home.

"What you can see outside really doesn't tell the tale,"



The aftermath of an explosion at a home in Annapolis County on Tuesday morning. KING'S COUNTY REGISTER

Waterville and District Fire Chief Wayne Johnstone said at the scene by mid-morning.

"It's devastating.... It rearranged the structure of the building."

An explosion ripped through the house, accompanied by a small fire and a large amount of smoke, Johnstone said. Firefighters extinguished the blaze; three adults and

three children were taken to hospital.

The six were fortunate to escape, Johnstone said, adding he was surprised the outcome was not worse than it was.

"I've been firefighting for 40 years and I've never seen anything like this."

Four of the six people arrived at hospital by ambulance but, by mid-morning, five of

## Quoted

"The explosion did move a lot of things. It appears to have lifted the house off of its foundation, so they are fortunate to be alive."

Provincial fire marshal Harold Pothier

them had been released. One adult was still in hospital being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

At around noon, provincial fire marshal Harold Pothier arrived on scene to assist the fire department with the investigation.

Although he originally believed that the explosion was gas related, he says the investigation determined a combination oil and wood-burning furnace had overheated and ruptured.

"Thankfully, the occupants were sleeping, and therefore laying down, which may have saved their lives," said Pothier.

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A woman raises a glass of Fortress Rum on Tuesday during a salute to the king at Fortress Louisbourg. CAPE BRETON POST

## Annapolis Valley

### Public schools cancel or postpone in-services to make up for snow days

After having several snow days off so far this year, students in the Annapolis Valley may be disappointed to hear their upcoming in-service days are likely not going to happen.

Principals of public schools in the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board have been advised to postpone or cancel planned in-service days.

"In response to the number of school closures due to weather and road conditions this winter, all our schools are focusing on maximizing instruction time for students," said Margo Tait, the board's superintendent of schools, in a news release.

"This may include postponing or cancelling scheduled early dismissals, in-services and co-curricular events that happen during the school day."

West Hants, Kings County and Annapolis County have had seven snow days so far this school year, with the possibility of more to come.

Principals will be working with the superintendent to decide whether to cancel or postpone in-

services scheduled between now and March break, said Kristen Loyst, the communications director of the board.

"Some events can't be re-booked, and principals will be working on them case-by-case," she said.

Horton High School has already announced that the early dismissal days scheduled for Feb. 26 and March 13 are now going to be full school days.

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# The spirit of Louisbourg, in liquid form

## Fortress Rum.

The 'authentic' drink is intended to diversify visitor experience

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Fortress Rum will be available at select Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. outlets for \$39.99 per bottle.

A small inn on the grounds of the Fortress of Louisbourg saw glasses raised and the king saluted Tuesday afternoon, just as it might have been done centuries earlier.

This time, though, the contents of the glass were also saluted as visitors celebrated the launch of Fortress Rum, a new product seen as a way to enhance visitor experience at the 18th-century fortress.

"We listen to the visitors who have said, 'We'd like to taste that,' or 'We'd like to feel that or go there,'" said Lester Marchand, visitor-experience manager at the Fortress of Louisbourg.

"For us it's about diversifying our experiences for visitors who would like something over and above the ordinary symbol of life."

Rum was traded at the fortress and enjoyed by all levels of society, he said.

Marchand said the barrels now aging on-site could also be part of lantern and ghost

tours, group visits and available in period restaurants.

Fortress Rum is produced in partnership with Guysborough company Authentic Seacoast, which had previously partnered with Parks Canada by offering a coffee beverage at the fortress.

"Weather like this makes your rum authentic," said Glynn Williams, the distillery president, referencing Tuesday's icy-cold weather.

"The bigger the variance in temperature and humidity, that's what drives the character into the rum, and the oak really imparts that flavour that, as it rests here longer and longer, that rum will take on the whole sense of Louisbourg."

He described the product as a Caribbean rum, with a splash of Canadian rum that includes secret ingredients and Guysborough water.

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## Veterans Affairs office

## Ex-soldier gets 4 years for planned attack

A former soldier who was planning to attack a Veterans Affairs office has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Glen Gieschen, 45, is

getting 18 months of credit for time served in custody.

He pleaded guilty in November to possession of a firearm, possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a weapon.

Judge Sean Dunnigan said Gieschen's crimes were "chilling in their intricate planning."

But the judge also said he believed Gieschen's expressions of remorse.

During Gieschen's arrest in January 2014, police recovered firearms, body armour, possible bomb-making materials, schematics of a downtown Calgary skyscraper and a plan to attack the seventh-floor federal offices. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## National Defence

## Mentally ill soldiers more likely to be declared unfit

New research by National Defence shows that soldiers with mental health conditions, especially those with Afghan

war experience, are far more likely to be declared unfit for military service. Almost 70 per cent of them can expect to be mustered out within 10 years of deployment.

The startling figures are contained in an analysis by the Canadian Forces Health Services Branch, which reviewed the medical files

of more than 30,000 troops who deployed as part of the nearly 12-year Afghan campaign.

In the fall of 2013, a number of soldiers, many with post-traumatic stress, came forward to say they were being declared unfit and hustled out of uniform.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Obama Keystone veto not final word

## Pipeline dispute.

Congress passed a bill earlier this month forcing approval of the project

U.S. President Barack Obama made good Tuesday on a threat to veto a bill which would approve the Keystone XL pipeline, bringing the two sides in the long-running controversy to a rare point of agreement: Their battle is far from over.

"The president's veto of the Keystone jobs bill is a national embarrassment," said the top Republican in the House of Representatives, John Boehner.

"We are not going to give up in our efforts to get this pipeline built — not even close."

The issue is about to play out on two fronts. One is a major presidential regulatory decision and the other, as suggested by Boehner, likely involves future clashes with Congress.

The Canadian government echoed that theme: "It is not a question of if this project will be approved; it is a matter of when," said a statement from

Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford.

"We will continue to strongly advocate for this job-creating project."

Even the White House concurred that the issue is far from settled. It pointed out that Tuesday's announcement was a step in a long, winding process — not a final destination.

The president cast the veto as a matter of procedural principle. In his letter to Congress, Obama said the bill he was scrapping had improperly tried to usurp presidential authority.

The White House position is that cross-border pipeline permits are a matter for the president to decide — not Congress, which passed a bill earlier this month forcing the approval of the project.

That bill was delivered to the president Tuesday and he vetoed it on the very first available day.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the president could still, in theory, approve the pipeline. The veto doesn't necessarily reflect Obama's view on the pipeline itself, he noted.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Toronto police ask public to help solve the tunnel mystery

Toronto police handout photos show the site, entrance and underground construction of the tunnel found near one of the venues for this year's Pan American games. The tunnel, discovered in January by a conservation officer in a densely wooded area, is located 25 metres from the fence of the Rexall Centre, which is to host tennis events for the summer games. But while the investigation is still ongoing, police emphasized that the structure wasn't currently thought to pose a public safety threat. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## First Nations. School pilot project shows good results

Former prime minister Paul Martin said a "remarkable" pilot program for reading and writing at two First Nations' elementary schools should be rolled out across Canada.

On Tuesday, Martin announced results from a four-

year literacy program at Walpole Island and Kettle and Stony Point First Nations in Ontario that showed students were well behind provincial reading and writing standards when the study began in 2010. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Anti-terror bill. Harper calls for swift passage

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is urging a House of Commons committee to study the government's anti-terror bill as quickly as possible, in spite of accusations the Conservatives are using their majority to rush the legislation onto the books.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair told the Commons on Tuesday it is essential to scrutinize the bill, and asked Harper to ensure that security and human rights experts are not only heard, but also heeded.

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MP Stephen Woodworth, shown here at a news conference in April 2014 in Ottawa, says the government should use the controversial notwithstanding clause to override what he termed the "incorrect and unwise time limit" the Supreme Court set on the issue of assisted suicide. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Feds evasive on assisted death ruling

**Supreme Court.**  
Tories back off on asking for extension to 12-month deadline for creating new law

Confusion reigned Tuesday over how the Harper government intends to respond to the Supreme Court ruling that struck down the ban on doctor-assisted dying.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper refused to give a straight answer when asked whether the government may use the constitutional notwithstanding clause to override the court's ruling.

He said the government intends to launch "comprehensive" public consultations on the matter before deciding how to respond to the court ruling. But the government gave only a vague outline for how that consultation process will work.

Moreover, the government sent mixed signals about whether it intends to meet the court's 12-month deadline for crafting a new law.

Bob Dechert, parliamentary secretary to Justice Minister Peter MacKay, initially said Tuesday that 12 months is not enough time to deal with such a sensitive issue, particularly since an election will shutter Parliament for two or three months in the fall.

But he later backtracked, saying the government in-

## Background

Earlier this month, the Supreme Court struck down the ban on doctor-assisted dying and gave Parliament a year to draft a law that recognizes the right of clearly consenting adults who are enduring intolerable physical or mental suffering to seek medical help to end their lives.

tends to meet the deadline. Dechert said he had been speaking as a lawyer, not on behalf of the government, when he earlier predicted that the court would "most likely" grant an extension.

The question of assisted suicide is "amongst the most important, I think, that we'll ever have to deal with," Dechert told the House of Commons as he gave the government response to a Liberal motion calling for creation of a special committee to consult and report back by mid-summer with a proposed new law.

"I don't think that we should be rushed into doing something that's inappropriate — not taking the time to properly and carefully consider it and hear all opinions — simply because there is a 12-month imposed deadline."

The Conservatives will vote against the motion because they believe a committee is not the right venue for a broad public consultation, he added.

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## NDP expenses could yet be police matter: Sources

Police may yet be called in to investigate dozens of New Democrat MPs who used taxpayer dollars to pay the salaries of aides working in satellite party offices.

Well-placed sources say referring the matter to the police is an option that has been considered in the past by members of the board of internal economy, the multi-party committee that oversees House of Commons spending.

And they say it's still a "live"

option that could be employed if the NDP continues to thumb its nose at the board, which has ordered 68 MPs to personally repay a total of \$2.75 million.

Multiple sources spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak for the ultra-secretive board.

The board ruled last August that New Democrat MPs improperly pooled money from their Commons office budgets to pay the salaries of 28 staffers

working in satellite party offices in Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto.

In the days leading up to that decision, sources say draft motions for dealing with the matter were circulated to all board members. Several included referring the matter to the appropriate legal authorities.

However, the police option was shelved on the recommendation of Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer, who chairs the board. The sources say Scheer

had been approached by the NDP about negotiating a settlement and he feared involving the police would poison any goodwill.

New Democrats have insisted all along that they did nothing wrong, that the satellite office employees worked strictly on parliamentary matters for MPs. They've dismissed the board as a partisan "kangaroo court" and applied to the Federal Court to overturn the board's ruling. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# More than 70 people abducted by ISIL

**Syria.** Of those abducted by the militant group, many were women and children; thousands also fled to nearby cities

Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group struck before dawn, staging house-to-house raids in a cluster of villages nestled along the Khabur River in northeastern Syria.

They abducted at least 70 Christians — many of them women and children — while thousands of others fled to safer areas in neighbouring cities.

The captives' fate was unclear Tuesday, a day after they were seized, and relatives said mobile-phone service was cut off and land lines were also not going through, adding to the fear and uncertainty about their loved ones.

ISIL has a history of killing captives, including foreign journalists, Syrian soldiers and Kurdish militiamen. Most recently, militants in Libya affiliated with the group released a video showing the beheading of 21 Egyptian Christians.

The group's bloody campaign in Syria and Iraq,

Nuri Kino, the head of a group called A Demand For Action, said that between 70 and 100 Assyrians were taken captive. About 3,000 people fled and have sought refuge in the cities of Hasakeh and Qamishli, he said.

"Have they been slaughtered? Are they still alive? We're searching for any

## Quoted

**"I feel so helpless; I cannot do anything for them but pray."**

An unidentified Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, one of the villages attacked by ISIL, who has been unable to contact her parents or her brother

where it seeks to form a self-styled caliphate, has repeatedly targeted religious minorities since it took control of a third of both countries. A United States-led coalition of regional partners are conducting a campaign of airstrikes against the group.

news," said an Assyrian Christian woman from Tal Shamiram, where most captives were taken from. Others were abducted from nearby Tal Humiz.

"I feel so helpless, I cannot do anything for them but pray," she said.

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## Ukraine disputes rebels' pullback claims

A bus drives by a convoy transporting artillery pieces outside the city of Donetsk, Ukraine, on Tuesday. Howitzers were seen moving east from the largest rebel-held city in eastern Ukraine further into separatist-controlled territory, but the Ukrainian government disputed the rebels' claim that a heavy-weapons pullback had begun. A peace plan worked out in marathon talks on Feb. 12 aims to create a wide buffer zone between the two sides' artillery, part of efforts to end the conflict that has left nearly 5,800 dead since last April. Heavy weapons are to be pulled back 25 to 70 kilometres from the front line, depending on their calibre.

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# Teenage suicide bombers strike at Nigerian bus stations

Teenage suicide bombers, suspected to be Boko Haram extremists, killed at least 24 people in separate blasts Tuesday at crowded bus stations in two northern Nigerian cities 300 kilometres apart.

In the northeastern town of Potiskum, a young man forced his way onto a bus and

detonated explosives that killed 12 people and injured 20, according to the bus driver and hospital records.

Hours later, two young men were blamed for explosions that ripped through a bus station in northern Kano city, killing at least 12 people and injuring many more, ac-

cording to state police commissioner Ibrahim Idris. Witnesses said the bombers appeared to be 17 or 18 years old.

The explosions triggered fires that destroyed two buses and a car, Idris said.

The attack in Potiskum came two days after a girl

who looked about 10 years old carried explosives that detonated, killing her and four others at a market in the same town.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's blasts, but they bear all the signs of similar attacks by Nigeria's home-

grown Boko Haram Islamic extremist group.

Attacks by girls and young women have raised fears that Boko Haram is using some of its hundreds of kidnap victims to carry out bombings.

At least 10,000 people have been killed in Nigeria's Islamic uprising in the past

year, according to the Council on Foreign Affairs, and some 1.6 million people have been driven from their homes in the campaign to enforce strict Islamic law across Nigeria, whose 160 million people are divided almost equally between Muslims and Christians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Iran. Tehran will not be getting an arsenal of nuclear weapons: Kerry

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told wary lawmakers on Tuesday that it was premature to criticize nuclear negotiations with Iran before any deal can be reached to keep Tehran from developing an arsenal of atomic weapons.

"The president has made clear — I can't state this more firmly — the policy is Iran will not get a nuclear weapon," Kerry told members of a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

"And anybody running around right now, jumping in to say, 'Well, we don't like the deal,' or this or that, doesn't know what the deal

is. There is no deal yet. And I caution people to wait and see what these negotiations produce."

Kerry testified in Congress after returning to Washington from the latest round of talks in Geneva involving Iran, the U.S. and five other world powers.

U.S. and Iranian officials reported progress on getting to a deal that would clamp down on Tehran's nuclear activities for at least 10 years before slowly easing restrictions.

Negotiators are rushing to try to meet a March 31 deadline for a framework agreement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Egypt

### State definition of terrorism expands

Egypt has issued a law that broadens the state's definition of terrorism to include anyone who threatens public order. It also gives authorities powers to draw up lists of alleged terrorists with little judicial recourse.

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## Iraq

### Bombers kill 40

A series of bombings in Iraq, including twin blasts on a busy street in a Baghdad suburb, killed at least 40 people and wounded dozens on Tuesday, Iraqi officials said.

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Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, left, and suspended NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams have been accused within weeks of each other of misrepresenting their wartime reporting experiences in ways that made those experiences seem more dangerous than they actually were. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# No calls for VA secretary to quit

U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald apologized anew Tuesday for erroneously claiming he served in the military's special forces, and veterans groups and lawmakers appeared ready to accept his expression of regret.

At a news conference outside VA offices, McDonald told reporters he made the misstatement in a conversation with a homeless veteran he was trying "to connect with"

## Quoted

**"I have no excuse."**

U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald.

during an impromptu meeting on a Los Angeles street last month.

"I made a mistake. I apologize for it. I have no excuse," he said.

McDonald said integrity has

been "one of the foundations of my character," from his Boy Scout days to his military service, business career and seven-month tenure as VA secretary.

Lawmakers and veterans groups have said they are disappointed at McDonald's comment, but his misstep has not led to public calls for his resignation so far.

"A lie is a lie," said Michael Helm, national commander of the American Legion, the lar-

gest veterans service organization.

"The secretary has apologized, as he certainly should," Helm said Tuesday in a statement.

"We hope that he can restore the trust that he lost."

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, also said they accepted McDonald's apology.

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## Williams and O'Reilly cases not so similar

**Media.** NBC News suspends Williams even after apology; O'Reilly goes on offensive, Fox News supports its star

Two prominent television personalities are accused within weeks of each other of misrepresenting their wartime reporting experiences in ways that made those experiences seem more dangerous than they actually were.

That's what Brian Williams and Bill O'Reilly have in common as each man is besieged with questions about his credibility. Most everything else about their episodes diverge, from the responses to the consequences.

NBC News suspended Williams for incorrectly saying he rode in a helicopter hit by enemy fire while reporting in Iraq in 2003. O'Reilly, Fox News Channel's prime-time star, is accused of claiming he had reported in a combat zone for CBS News during the 1982 Falklands War when he was more than 1,000 miles from the front.

Caught in a factual mistake, Williams apologized, publicly and to his colleagues.

O'Reilly immediately went on the offensive after the Mother Jones story was printed, attacking the publication and its authors in several media interviews. He explained that his use of the term combat zone for re-

porting at a demonstration was shorthand for saying he was in Argentina covering the war.

With Williams both the anchor and managing editor for the top-rated network evening newscast, NBC took the accusations as a very real threat to the credibility of the entire news organization.

NBC executives say they're rooting for Williams' return. But the suspension is so severe that many have likened it to a professional death penalty, and wonder if Williams can ever make it back to such a prominent respected position. "The aura of credibility that NBC nurtured and paid tens of millions of dollars for is gone with Brian Williams, and I don't think you'll ever restore that, even with an apology tour," said Mark Feldstein, a journalism professor at the University of Maryland.

Fox News, through its chairman and CEO Roger Ailes, has issued a statement of support for its prime-time star. O'Reilly leads an opinion-based show for a combative audience that often feels its star is a target of liberal media members and cultural arbiters.

With the accusations against him that are already on the table, O'Reilly is in no danger of losing his job, said Jay Rosen, New York University professor and author of the Pressthink blog.

Fox and its fans relish the fight, Rosen said, adding: "I think he would be in danger if he apologized."

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# Canadian firm clears way for 'a robot in every company and every job site'

**Clearpath Robotics.** Kitchener, Ont.-based company rolling out robots to automate 'dullest, dirtiest and deadliest' jobs

Inside the headquarters of Clearpath Robotics, a robot revolution is underway.

Where a receptionist would have once welcomed your arrival, there's now a little robot named Glados hanging from the ceiling above a vacant table. It scans the waiting room to detect movement and offer its greeting.

It's a glimpse of how co-founder and chief executive Matt Rendall envisions the future, as robots change the way people live and work.

"Before the home, our vision is 'a robot in every company and every job site,'" he said. "There are still so many



A Husky robot, left, and a Jackal robot are seen at the Clearpath Robotics warehouse in Kitchener, Ont. THE CANADIAN PRESS

jobs that humans are not well-suited to do."

A recent study from the Boston Consulting Group shows that investment in industrial robots will grow 10 per cent per year in the

world's 25 biggest export nations, through 2025.

Companies will be motivated by how cost-effective and efficient robots are compared to the human workforce, the study said. It's estimated that

labour expenses can be reduced by 24 per cent in Canada, and cut even further in regions like South Korea and Japan.

Rendall believes that's where Clearpath comes in, as

## Clearpath's robots

Clearpath's fleet of heavy-duty yellow and black robots fit between the look of a Tonka truck and the character in Pixar's *Wall-E*.

- Some of the robots are equipped to travel across the ground, while others are made for aerial and aquatic operations.
- Basic models start at \$10,000 before modifications — like mechanical arm extensions, cameras and lasers — bulk up the price. Larger models are closer to \$125,000.

simulation project run by the University of Toronto and the Canadian Space Agency. Using a remote, the operator can drive the model over rough terrain using cameras installed on the machine.

The Kingfisher aquatic model uses two ski-like hulls for balance to navigate across shallow pond surfaces or fast-flowing water.

Clearpath says municipalities could use the robot and sonar technology to monitor sludge buildup in the ponds used to collect storm water.

The company has also developed software and hardware for mining companies to replace workers in hazardous conditions.

The operator, who would have once worked deep below the Earth's surface where humidity levels are high and oxygen levels are low, can now control the machinery from a safer location, Rendall said.

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## TFSA. Two studies warn against increasing limits

Two studies on tax-free savings accounts sound alarm bells about their long-term fiscal impact, if the Conservative government keeps a 2011 campaign promise to allow people to park almost twice as much money in the popular savings vehicles.

The report from the left-leaning Broadbent Institute says a pledge to up the TFSA contribution limit to \$10,000 from the current \$5,500 would ultimately cost billions in lost tax revenue while primarily lining the pockets of the wealthy.

The report says the majority of Canadians would bear the burden of reduced public services or higher taxes to offset the lost revenues.

The study was written by Jonathan Rhys Kesselman, an economist whose research on tax-free savings laid the groundwork for the government's initial introduction of TFSAs in 2009.

The parliamentary budget office also weighed in Tuesday on TFSAs, calling them regressive. The impact on public finances in the early years is relatively minimal, Mostafa Askari, assistant parliamentary budget officer, told a media briefing on the

## TSFAs, by the numbers

- Number of people with current TFSAs: Almost 11 million
- Percentage of holders in 2013 who earned less than \$70,000 a year in after-tax income, according to the federal government: 75 per cent
- Percentage of holders who earn less than \$42,000 a year after taxes, according to the federal government: Almost 50 per cent
- Federal tax expenditure on TFSAs in 2013, according to the Broadbent Institute: \$410 million
- Projected annual federal tax expenditure on TFSAs in 40 to 50 years, according to the Broadbent Institute: \$15.5 billion

PBO report. But by 2080, costs will increase tenfold, reaching 0.57 per cent of GDP.

Tax-free savings accounts primarily benefit the well-to-do, Askari said.

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## Wisconsin

### Workers protest right-to-work bill

About 2,000 construction workers, electricians, carpenters and other union members rallied at the Wisconsin state capitol on Tuesday, pushing back against a fast-tracked right-to-work bill backed by Republicans and Gov. Scott Walker. Right-to-work laws in place in 24 U.S. states, prohibit private-sector companies from reaching labour agreements in which workers have to pay fees to unions as a condition of employment.

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## VOICES

# RINK RAGE NEEDS TO BE STOPPED

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association finally got so sick of the bad behaviour of some parents, it banned eight of them from watching their kids' games. It would be nice if this didn't have to happen, but if Lord of the Flies taught us anything, it's that the only way to stop bullies is, y'know, to stop them



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Call it rink rage.

It's the situation where otherwise civilized, middle-aged parents melt down over a call by the referee at their son's or daughter's hockey game.

Maybe we've even been tempted to lay a little rink rage on the referee ourselves. Because for a long time, it's been a free shot.

It doesn't seem to matter that it's only a kids' game that is supposed to be fun. (Fun is for losers!) Or that the referees are often only kids

themselves who are still learning and have never heard anything like the, um, colourful language coming from behind the glass:

"There's no F!@#\$\$ way that was (a) a goal (b) offside (c) interference (d) icing (e) all of the above, and it's time to let that stupid F!@#\$\$ idiot have a piece of my mind."

The Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association has finally run out of patience with this nonsense, and this past weekend banned eight parents from attending their kids' games. It then added a fine for any coaches who dispute the

### Big babies



**An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink**

ref's call.

Twenty referees on the Island have quit this season, citing an overdose of parental abuse. They're tired of being assaulted, cornered in dark parking lots, spit upon and showered with hot coffee, all for the less-than-50-bucks they get for calling a game.

It's just as bad (or worse)

next door in Alberta, where 35 per cent of the approximate 5,000 amateur hockey referees quit after every season, vowing never to call another game.

So far in Alberta this year, there have been 15 match penalties — after players, egged on by their testosterone-fuelled dads (and moms ... this is equal

opportunity bad behaviour), went after the refs.

Watch the video of the overgrown baby in Pennsylvania who protested a call on the ice by smashing a panel of tempered glass with his fist, and you'll see what I mean. And he's hardly the worst. At least he's taking it out on an inanimate object.

There was a time, perhaps, when grown-ups could be counted on to behave. That's when there were grown-ups.

An entire generation has learned it's not necessary to grow up, and it's wreaking havoc down at the rink where people actually think

it's their right to take things out on the refs. Free speech or something.

So should more hockey organizations follow in Vancouver Island's steps and ban unruly spectators?

Uh, yeah!

An ugly truth about human nature is that if people aren't held accountable, they seem capable of doing just about anything (See: Lord of the Flies).

Bullies are made bold by the knowledge that they have nothing to fear. As soon as they have something to fear, they aren't bullies any more.

How about that?

# Confessions of a former Mean Girl, on Pink Shirt Day



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It's Pink Shirt Day in Canada — a national day to raise awareness about bullying — so let's talk.

Bullying education has come a long way since I was a kid. Students today learn that bullying takes many forms, from the physical to emotional, and they're taught to recognize and address these various forms of abuse.

It's a conversation we need to keep having, as it's easy for children — and adults — to ignore the types of bullying that don't leave bruises.

When I was in elementary school (scrunchies were the fashion accessory of choice, if that gives you context) bullying wasn't something we really talked about. At least not the sly Mean Girls-style bullying, of which I was both a victim and a perpetrator.

A part of me knew I was being hurtful when I joined my friends in randomly mocking or ignoring a classmate for a week. But it didn't occur to me until adulthood that I was as much a bully as the boys who pushed little kids down in the



While it's a sign of conformity in Mean Girls, in real life Pink Shirt Day is symbol of solidarity against the very bullying that Regina George et al were guilty of in the movie. SCREENGRAB

playground.

Today, the root of my guilt lies in how I behaved in the seventh grade to one of my best friends, whom we'll call "Melissa."

Melissa and I were inseparable for a couple years before having a falling out. I don't remember why or how it started.

What I do remember is leaving nasty notes about her

in her textbooks, hoping she'd find them when she went to do homework. I remember whispering about her to other girls, and loudly exclaiming that so-and-so was my "new

best friend." I don't remember feeling like I was doing anything wrong.

I ran into Melissa a couple times as a teenager — once at a party, where she told me I was

the reason she changed schools in Grade 8. I saw her again at Christmas Eve Mass a few years later. I shyly waved hello and reintroduced myself to her mother, who was polite but curt (and rightly so).

I've typed her name into Facebook a couple times in recent years and found her profile. I even went so far as to draft apology messages, but deleted them before pressing "send".

Melissa's not on Facebook any more, at least not under her given name, and I don't know where to find her to let her know I'm sorry.

I wonder how many other women have grown up to realize that behaviour they thought was a normal part of school life was damaging to their peers?

Pink Shirt Day is changing the school environment for a generation of girls (and boys), and for the better. My daughter will be better informed and better armed to combat bullying than I was.

I may not be able to atone for how I treated Melissa, but I can be sure to teach my own daughter that bullying involves much more than throwing punches.



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# Red-carpet fashion critique, or racial slur? Zendaya weighs in



OK, two things: One, Disney star Zendaya Coleman looks amazing. And two, Fashion Police pundit Giuliana Rancic is not a very good comedian. While critiquing looks from the Oscars red carpet, Rancic had this to say about Coleman's long, luxurious dreadlocks: "This hair, to me, overwhelms her. I feel like she smells like patchouli oil. Or weed! Yeah, maybe weed?" Yikes.

Well, naturally, Coleman wasn't too pleased, and she registered her displeasure

Zendaya Coleman

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in a lengthy and well-reasoned rebuttal on Twitter. "There is a fine line between what is funny and disrespectful. Someone said something about my hair at the Oscars that left me in awe," Coleman wrote.

"Not because I was relishing in rave outfit reviews, but because I was hit with ignorant slurs and pure disrespect. To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive. I don't usually feel the need to respond to negative things but certain remarks cannot go unchecked." She then went on to point

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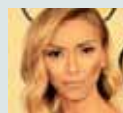
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Zendaya Coleman

out numerous other notable people who don dreadlocks.

Rancic, for her part, tweeted that she was totally not referencing race but instead was making fun of bohemians. But man, what did bohemians ever do to her?

## Twitter



@GiulianaRancic

Dear @Zendaya, I'm sorry I offended you and others. I was referring to a bohemian chic look. Had NOTHING to do with race and NEVER would!!!



## Gossip

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## Bobby gets flak for BET showing

Bobby Brown popped up on the broadcast of The BET Honors Monday night, which seemed a little strange to some viewers watching at home — you know, since his daughter is currently in the hospital fighting for her life and all. A few even took to Twitter to admonish Brown for getting his priorities mixed up. Here's the thing, though: The awards show — which also featured a surprisingly eloquent and entertaining speech on racism — actually took place back on Jan. 24, a full week before Bobbi Kristina was hospitalized. So, you know, ease off, OK?



Bobbi Kristina

## Chris's run for the border is denied

The "good people of the Canadian government" turned singer and felon Chris Brown away at the Canadian border Tuesday, forcing the cancellation of his scheduled shows in Toronto and Montreal.

"The good people of the Canadian government wouldn't allow me entry. I'll be back this summer and will hopefully see all my Canadian fans!" Brown tweeted. "Unfortunately I will not be able to perform in front of sold out crowds in Montreal & Toronto."

The tour promoter, Live Nation, confirmed that the Between the Sheets Tour dates featuring Chris Brown, Trey Songz & Tyga at the Bell Centre in Montreal scheduled for Tuesday, and at the Air Canada Center in Toronto scheduled for Wednesday were cancelled "due to immigration issues."

Refunds will be available at the point of purchase, a spokesperson said.

Brown pleaded guilty to the assault of his then-girlfriend R&B star Rihanna in 2009. While still on probation, he assaulted a man outside of a Washington, D.C. hotel in 2013. He pleaded guilty to the assault of that man, Parker Isaac Adams, last September. According to Citizenship



Chris Brown

and Immigration Canada (CIC), people with criminal convictions for various offences, including assault, can be deemed "criminally inadmissible" from entering Canada and denied entry.

Convicted felons can appeal to a border guard that they have been rehabilitated or apply through a formal process to prove they have been rehabilitated in order to be let into the country, according to CIC. Their success depends on the severity of the crime, the time that has passed and if they have re-offended.

Other celebrities have been denied entry to Canada, including Martha Stewart in 2005 and actor Wes Bentley in 2012.

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METRO IN TORONTO

## Will Vogue finally nab Kate for its September issue?

As is common knowledge, the September issue of Vogue is a very big deal. Possibly the biggest deal in the fashion bible's year. So it's probably not that surprising that Anna Wintour has set her sights on Kate Middleton for the cover this year. "In the digital age, there is even more pressure to deliver huge sales numbers. Anna knows landing Kate for the September issue would be a huge coup, especially since Prince William's wife has never done a magazine feature for a U.S. publication," a source tells Radar On-

line. "Anna has been trying for the last two years to get Kate to agree, and she's always refused. But this time, Anna has stepped up the campaign and is now enlisting her numerous high-powered connections." So, you know, stay tuned.



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# Hoggard stoked to host Junos

**Music.** Hedley singer Jacob Hoggard ready to send up his peers as host of awards show

When Hedley's Jacob Hoggard takes the stage to host this year's Juno Awards, he hopes to channel some of the irreverent wit flaunted by two-time MC Russell Peters.

Some, but not all, perhaps. Hoggard needs to maintain friendships in the Canadian music industry, whereas Peters was comfortable to gleefully skewer it.

"I thought Russell killed it — he's such a natural onstage. I think more than anything else I'm envious of his comedic licence to just cut everybody to shreds," said Hoggard, who was announced as Junos host on Tuesday morning.

"I'm a little jealous of that. I probably can't treat my peer group the same. But there's always room for a sideways remark.

"Ultimately," he added, "I'm holding the microphone and it's live. So if I truly feel like it, I can exact judgment."

Reggae-infused Toronto pop outfit Magic! leads with five nominations heading into



Jacob Hoggard of Hedley is used to performing at awards shows, but at next month's Junos he'll be taking on a new role as host. GETTY IMAGES

the March 15 bash at Hamilton's FirstOntario Centre, while Montreal's dark poet Leonard Cohen and Calgary dance breakout Kiesza charge in with four nominations apiece.

As Hoggard familiarized

himself with the list of nominees, however, he emphasized that there would be no way to anticipate the evening's storyline.

"If there was ever an episode that Unsolved Mysteries hasn't done, it would be on

the Junos — because it's one of the most enigmatic processes we've experienced as far as who wins, and why, and how," said Hoggard, whose band has now been nominated 29 times — including three times this year — and won only twice.

"There's always surprises and you never know why, ultimately. But I think that's what's exciting about it.

"Throughout the whole music business, no one has a ... clue what's going to happen."

## Also performing

Hedley will also perform during the Junos telecast, along with dance producer Deadmau5, Magic! and hometown rockers Arkells.

- Hoggard hints that if he has a Neil Patrick Harris-style production number in him, it could emerge there.

This is one of several instances where Hoggard punctuates his point with profanity. Given that the Junos are broadcast live in parts of the country (on CTV), does he expect nervous producers will keep a finger on the delay?

"Interestingly enough, it's not my first foray in live television working with these exact same producers — they're the producers who put on Canadian Idol," said Hoggard, who finished in third place on the reality singing competition's second season.

"They were in the room when I first walked in 10 years ago, so we have a great rapport ... In one respect, it's sort of a very full-circle sort of thing for me."

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## From kissing Kelly to Better Call Saul

For a certain segment of the TV-viewing audience, Patrick Fabian is best known as the guy who romanced Kelly Kapowski on *Saved by the Bell: The College Years*.

Now that he's logged a few episodes as a smarmy lawyer on the *Breaking Bad* spinoff *Better Call Saul*, Fabian says he's ready to finally shake that long-ago role.

"When I got the job, actually a friend of mine texted me and he said, 'Hey, maybe 'he kissed Kelly Kapowski on *Saved by the Bell*' will no longer be on your tombstone,'" Fabian chuckles during a recent phone interview from Los Angeles.

Fabian's *Better Call Saul* turn as Howard Hamlin follows dozens of mostly guest appearances and supporting roles all over the dial, from *The Newsroom* to *Scandal* to *Castle* to *24*.

He gushes over his current role as a hotspot lawyer on the quirky AMC series, which traces the origins of *Breaking Bad* strip mall lawyer



Patrick Fabian stars in AMC's *Breaking Bad* spinoff, *Better Call Saul*. GETTY IMAGES

Saul Goodman, played by Bob Odenkirk, to when he was known as struggling public defender Jimmy McGill.

Monday's episode ratcheted up the tension between Jimmy and Hamelin. Jimmy erected a highway bill-

board advertising his floundering legal services, while also aping Hamelin's blue-chip firm.

A fuming Hamelin is on a mission to put Jimmy in his place, and Fabian hints that could lead to more clashes be-

tween the two lawyers.

"He didn't get to be the head of a 125-employee top white-collar law firm in Albuquerque by being nice the whole way," Fabian notes of his sun-kissed character.

Of course, there's not much Fabian is willing to reveal about future episodes.

Not that he's necessarily privy to all of the show's secrets. He says plot surprises were heavily guarded on set, with scripts often partially redacted.

Fabian didn't even know the *Breaking Bad* character Tuco would appear on the show until he saw the finished episode.

"It was like we were working in the NSA or something like that," he jokes.

"So when I saw the pilot and all of sudden Tuco comes out, I'm like, 'No way, man!' I was thrilled of course, it was such a great thing. I had so many people texting me. All they did was just text: 'Tuco!'"

*Better Call Saul* airs Mondays. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Cable television

### Jeanne Beker joins Shopping Channel

Fashion guru Jeanne Beker is taking on a new position as style editor at The Shopping Channel.

Rogers Media says the former *Fashion Television* personality will also host The Shopping Channel's new

live show, *Style Matters* with Jeanne Beker.

The program will feature everything from her personal style to accessories and home decor.

It will premiere on March 12 at 8 p.m. ET on TSC and tsc.ca, as well as the ShopTSC mobile app for iPhone and Android. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## The world's best beaches



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**List.** Swimsuit models, kitesurfers and other beach bums have curated this winter's most critical guide

A panel of 'beach experts' that includes a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit model and professional kitesurfer has helped determine a list of the world's best beaches for families, romance and people watching.

With most of Canada in the throes of a deep freeze, the Travel Channel has released the results of its annual Best Beach Awards 2015 just in time to offer the winter-weary a virtual, seaside escape ahead of spring break.

For those shopping for an



Best party beach: Punta del Este in Uruguay. ISTOCK

adults-only beach that offers a pulsing nightlife and teeny polka-dot bikinis, head to Miami, Fla., which snagged the title of sexiest beach.

"Soft sand, beautiful warm water, interesting people, volleyball and fun spots to go to for a bite or a beverage nearby," says swimsuit model Nina Ág-

dal. Another plus? "... it's acceptable to wear tiny bikinis."

Couples seeking a romantic, tropical escapade may want to head to Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands, which was named the most romantic beach for its hidden coves, luxurious resorts, and "barefoot elegance."



Best unusual beach: Red Beach in Santorini, Greece. ISTOCK

And for sun-seekers looking for a beach destination that's far from the madding crowds, consider the best beach you've never heard of, Lake Atitlan in Guatemala, suggests Travel Channel.

As the deepest lake in Central America, Lake Atitlan is located in the highlands of Gua-

temala in a volcanic crater and has been called one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.

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# Affordable alternatives for a fun-filled March Break

**Family holidays.** Try these close-to-home quick getaways



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If a sun or ski vacation is not in the family plans this March Break, there are plenty of affordable options closer to home that will ensure your kid's break is a happy one.

Toronto's Le Dolci foodie studio is offering a culinary day camp between March 16 and March 20, which will allow your young chef to experiment and test his or her skills in the kitchen. Everything from marshmallows and truffles to crepes and pies is on the menu. Parents can sign their kids up for one day or the whole week.

A huge benefit to living in our nation's capital is the number of outstanding museums available to you. Ottawa's By-



**The Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa.** ISTOCK

town Museum has a redesigned Youth Activity Area where kids can learn more about Ottawa's early beginnings through historic toys and journal entries. There's also an interactive scavenger hunt through two floors of the museum, leading kids to find seven hidden stories to form a timeline of early Ottawa. As a final nod to this long, cold winter, check out the Canadian Museum of Nature's Arctic

Food Fair offering bannock, Arctic berry tea and bison sliders. There's also a giant Arctic floor map that teaches regional geography and natural history.

March in Quebec is the start of sugaring-off season. If you can't make it out of the city, the Montréal Botanical Garden will be offering presentations on maple syrup as well as the chance to taste your own rolled maple taffy.

Edmontonians looking to spend some family outdoor time can take the short 40-minute drive to Elk Island National Park. The park is offering a three-hour guided snowshoe tour through its vast trails, giving you the chance to spy deer, bison and moose. Lunch is included.

If you prefer some indoor fun, Vancouver's popular Playdome at BC Place Stadium runs again this year from March 14 to March 22. With 45 rides and attractions, including a Ferris wheel and tilt-a-whirl, it is western Canada's largest indoor carnival. The daily Dome Pass will set you back \$29.

## Cruise

### Disney casts spell on Cruise Critic editors

For the third year in a row, Disney Cruise Line has been named the "Best Overall" cruise ship by TripAdvisor's Cruise Critic Cruisers' Choice Awards.

While guests can expect an omnipresent Mickey on both subtle and extreme levels, Cruise Critic editors note that the ship doesn't forget their adult guests, with art deco that's at once elegant and refined and evocative of old-world luxury.

Innovative features and services include digital paintings that come to life, virtual portholes for inside cabins, onboard mystery expeditions, and an adults-only pool. **TEXT: AFP**

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# Build rapport for serious career success

**Career.** Establishing solid working relationships can greatly improve your professional life

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Think about how many people you meet on a regular basis, whether it be through school or work. Now think about how many relationships — both long-term and short-term — you create and maintain.

Rapport is defined as a working relationship characterized by mutual respect and understanding. It's a professional connection, and a skill that most professionals draw upon each and every day.

While you don't have to be BFFs with everyone you meet, it's important to know how important it is to establish a rapport with the indi-

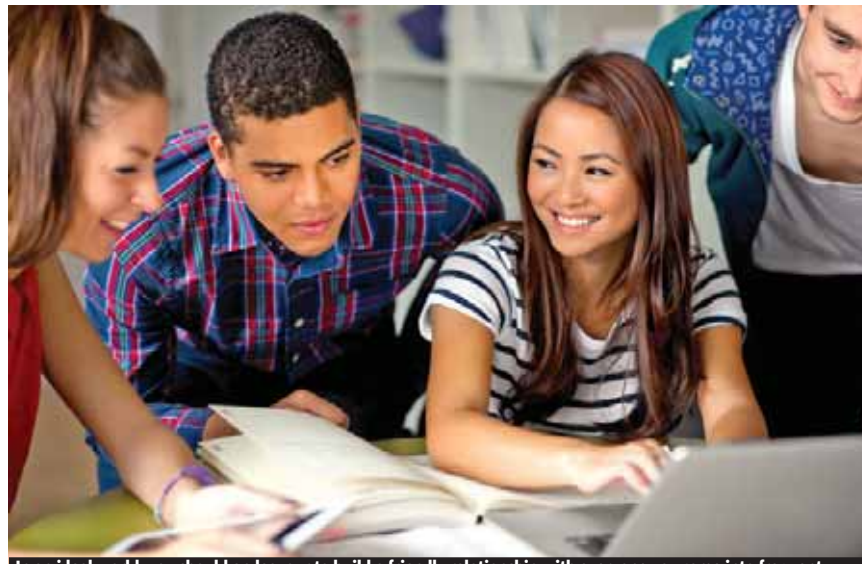
viduals come into contact with frequently. Obvious examples are colleagues and classmates, your manager or professor, but this skill can extend to customers you meet at your part-time job, potential employers at a job interview, and more.

## Why is rapport important?

Imagine asking someone — a professor, supervisor, or colleague — to write you a reference letter. Ideally, you would want a letter written by an individual with whom you have a strong relationship, thus making them fit to discuss your qualifications and character.

Reference letters are only one example of why building rapport is important. It's an opportunity to present yourself as a professional and build a connection that will benefit both yourself and the individual that you are working with. The payoff may be immediate, or it may be later, as with a reference letter.

In a customer- or client-focused environment, such as a restaurant or a bank, rap-



In an ideal world, you should endeavour to build a friendly relationship with everyone you come into frequent contact with. iStock

port is what builds customer and client loyalty. The product may be what first draws the person in, but the service they receive will be the deciding factor in whether they return.

If you establish rapport with clients, they may become happy regulars, which will contribute towards securing the business against bankruptcy.

You never know when, or how, a relationship will pay off. So being able to build rapport with anyone that comes your way is incredibly useful; you have nothing to lose.

It's not mercenary or selfish, and any interaction with another person is an opportunity. That said, you also need to be open to helping

others when initiating a connection.

## Why do people find building rapport difficult?

Yes, it can be challenging. There are many different reasons people hesitate to build connections — and most of these concerns can be traced back to personal inhibitions.

It's no secret that putting yourself out there in front of others can be nerve-racking, whether it's on a large or small scale.

If you identify as an intro-

vert, your shyness can be an obstacle to establishing a connection.

A complete stranger is a scary unknown; you never know how they will react to your "Hello."

It's easy to worry about things like making a poor introduction and mispronouncing their name.

Perhaps you are out of your element. Talking with someone about a topic that you're unfamiliar with can bring you out of your comfort zone.

People often worry about how they're dressed, how they're delivering their conversations, how their contact is perceiving them. And that makes it difficult to focus on the situation at hand.

At large networking events or conferences, it's easy to meet dozens of people at a time.

It is perfectly understandable if you forget some names, but it doesn't ever feel like it when you're meeting them again, and you're having trouble placing their face and name.

In short, people find building rapport challenging because they are fixated on themselves. It's human nature — and we often forget that we are our own worst critic when it comes to social situations. But there are ways to conquer self-consciousness.



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## So, how do I build rapport?

The good news is, you can build rapport without provoking responses like, "Did you get a personality transplant?" If you're conducting yourself in a courteous, professional manner, you are already building rapport.

- **Be friendly.** You don't have to be the social butterfly with 500 Facebook friends, but it never hurts to be nice. If you're shy, start with just one person, introduce yourself and never ask the other person about something you are not willing to share. The most important part is to be genuine: Don't try to assume a false personality. That is the foundation of a good relationship — and all it requires of you is a bit of courage and a smile.
- **Be helpful.** Don't feel like you're making this connection in order to leech their assets. If you present yourself as someone who

is open to helping others when they are in a bind (and you are willing to follow through), it becomes a win-win situation for both of you. Don't be afraid to ask for help — adversity helps build rapport, especially if it is faced and conquered together. Lend a hand as often as you can, and when you inevitably need help, rest assured you won't be considered bothersome.

- **Be a team player.** Your own success is important, but if you are working in a group, the success of your team should be one of your priorities. The old saying goes that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link — and you do not want to be that link. Building rapport in a team setting involves presenting yourself as an asset, and forging strong connections with your team members. Be sure to contribute and

participate actively. This can mean anything from staying late with the others to finish a program due by midnight to taking a co-worker's shift in an emergency.

- **Keep in touch.** LinkedIn is the de facto social media site for professional contacts, but Twitter and Facebook can also be used, if you ensure that your profile conveys a professional tone. Once you've met someone, don't hesitate to add them. Never assume that the other person will make the first move and in professional circles, and don't feel like your eagerness to maintain a relationship will be frowned upon — most professionals will be flattered, or even impressed, that you want to maintain a working relationship with them. Just be sure to follow up once in a while to keep your connection going!



# Meatballs ditch their spaghetti sidekick

## Dinner or Appetizers.

This dish stuffs the meat with ricotta and replaces pasta with polenta for a totally new twist on an old favourite



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This recipe I developed for the Dairy Farmers of Canada is a different way to serve up meatballs to your family and friends than the typical spaghetti and meatballs dish.

Whether you enjoy one meatball as an appetizer or a few for dinner with the creamy polenta, it is a unique experience.

The addition of ricotta inside the meatball is one of my favourite twists. If you don't have fresh bread crumbs, soak stale bread in milk or water and break up into small pieces and add to meat mixture.

Cooked meatballs can be covered and refrigerated for up to two days, which will speed up your dinner time.

## Directions

**1. Ricotta Filling:** In a bowl, stir together ricotta, bread crumbs, parsley and salt. Roll into 16 little balls; set aside.

**2. Meatballs:** In large bowl, mix together veal, pork, bread crumbs, egg, Parmesan, parsley, garlic and salt until well combined. Using wet hands,



This recipe makes 16 large meatballs that work as 16 appetizer servings or 6 to 8 servings. EMILY RICHARDS

divide mixture into 16 balls. Flatten each ball and place a ricotta ball in centre; pinch meat around the ricotta ball and roll into a large meatball.

**3.** Place on parchment paper lined baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350 F (180 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until no longer pink inside, but not

browned.

**4.** Pour half of the pasta sauce in a 13 x 9-inch (3 L) glass baking dish. Add the

meatballs to the sauce and pour remaining sauce over top. Cover and bake for about 30 minutes or sauce is bubbly.

**5.** Creamy Polenta: Mean-

while, in a large saucepan,

bring milk and water to a

simmer over medium heat;

gradually whisk in corn-

meal and salt. Reduce heat

to medium-low and cook,

whisking often, for about 15

minutes or until polenta is

very creamy and thick.

**6.** Stir Parmesan into polenta and divide among serving plates; place meatball on top and spoon sauce over top.

## Ingredients

### Ricotta Filling

- 1/2 cup (125 ml) ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) fresh bread crumbs
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- Pinch salt

### Meatballs

- 12 oz (375 g) each ground veal and pork
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) fresh bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) finely chopped fresh parsley
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 3 cups (750 ml) homemade or store-bought pasta sauce, heated

### Creamy Polenta

- 3 cups (750 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- 1 cup (250 ml) cornmeal
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

## Dinner. Beef Ragu with Pasta

**1.** Arrange the sirloin chunks in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Place in the freezer for 15 minutes.

**2.** Meanwhile, in a sauté pan over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of oil and butter. Add onion, garlic and anchovies and sauté until the onions are tender and the anchovies have broken down, about 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cook, stirring constantly, until it begins to darken, about another 5 minutes.

**3.** Add cherry tomatoes and vinegar, then stir well and simmer until the tomatoes begin to break down, about 10 minutes.

**4.** While the sauce cooks, remove the chilled beef from the freezer. Place it in a food processor, working in batches to avoid overcrowding the bowl, and pulse just until well chopped, but not ground.

**5.** In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining tablespoon of olive

oil. Add the beef chunks and sear, stirring occasionally, just until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the red wine to the pan to deglaze, stirring to remove any bits from the bottom. Immediately transfer the beef and any liquid in the pan to the saucepan with the tomato sauce. Stir well and bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper.

**6.** Serve the sauce over pasta and top with Parmesan.

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## Ingredients

- 2 lbs sirloin beef tips, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1 tbsp butter
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 oil-packed anchovies, mashed with a fork
- 6-oz can tomato paste
- 2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup red wine
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 lb cooked pasta
- Grated Parmesan cheese, to serve

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Saint Mary's Huskies goaltender Anthony Peters readies for a shot from Acadia Axemen forward Liam Heelis during AUS men's hockey playoff action Tuesday night at the Halifax Forum. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Axemen force fifth game vs. Huskies

**AUS men's hockey.** Acadia and Saint Mary's to play decisive game to move onto final



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For Saint Mary's Huskies forward Matt Tipoff, it's no surprise that three out of four semifinal series games against the Acadia Axemen have been decided by a one goal on the scoreboard.

That includes Tuesday

## Quoted

**"It's definitely anyone's game."**

Saint Mary's forward Matt Tipoff on his team's AUS semifinal series going to a fifth and final game against the Acadia Axemen

night's 2-1 loss in front of 1,612 fans at the Halifax Forum, during which Tipoff scored the lone goal for Saint Mary's. Acadia, however, managed one more, enough to force the Atlantic University Sport series to a fifth and final game.

"Elimination games, they're always tight," the fourth-year student-athlete said after the game. "The hardest one to win is the last one."

Tipoff's goal was the first of the night, putting the Huskies up 1-0 on a power play at 7:55 in the first period. Assists went to Stephen Johnston and Steven Shipley.

"There was a rebound sitting there and I just kind of banged it in," 24-year-old Tipoff said. "It's nice to get that goal, but in the end we didn't win, so that's all that really matters."

The former OHL player gave full credit to the Axemen for playing "extremely hard"

## Reds vs. X-Men

The other AUS semifinal series between the UNB Varsity Reds and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men is also tied at two games apiece. Game 5 is this Thursday night in Fredericton.

in Game 4, following a 4-0 loss to the Huskies on Sunday night in Halifax.

The teams also split their two opening games last Wednesday and Thursday in Wolfville, with Saint Mary's edging Acadia 3-2 in double overtime in Game 1 and the Axemen beating the Huskies 4-3 in Game 2.

On Tuesday, the Axemen replied on the man advantage with Brett Thompson tying it up at 14:24 in the middle frame. It then only took nine seconds off the first faceoff

in the third period for Remy Giftopoulos to score the game-winner on a high shot just inside the post.

"We've got to start getting (more) ... pucks to the net," Tipoff said of what Saint Mary's has to do for Game 5, which is Thursday night back on the Acadia campus. "We didn't capitalize on a lot of our chances, and ultimately that's why we didn't win."

Netminder Anthony Peters made 29 saves for Saint Mary's, while Brandon Glover stopped 24 shots for Acadia.

In addition to gaining the offensive edge, the Axemen also played a strong defensive game, blocking shots and stopping the Huskies short at the blue-line to hold on to their one-goal lead.

Despite losing home-ice advantage for Game 5, Tipoff said the Huskies "are confident."

"It's definitely anyone's game," he said.

## AUS women's hockey

### Huskies, Tigers lose semifinal openers

The Dalhousie Tigers and Saint Mary's Huskies have lost the first games of their respective best-of-three semifinal series.

The Huskies dropped a 7-2 decision to the Moncton Aigles Bleues on the road Monday night, while the Tigers were shut out by the Saint Francis Xavier X-Women in Antigonish on Tuesday night.

Saint Mary's hosts Moncton and Dalhousie welcomes St. Francis Xavier for their second matchups Thursday night. Both games start at 7 p.m. **METRO**

## Swimming

### Dalhousie athlete good as gold in pool

Meagan Bernier has made golden waves.

The fifth-year Dalhousie University swimmer claimed first place in the 800-metre freestyle at the CIS swimming championships over the weekend in Victoria.

Clocking in at a time of 9:01.17, the accomplishment earned her athlete of the week honours, AUS announced Tuesday.

The Dartmouth native also finished second in the 400-metre freestyle B final and seventh in the 200-metre freestyle B final, while claiming both seventh- and ninth-place relay finishes to help lead Dalhousie to a fifth-place team finish. **METRO**

## Canada Winter Games

### Radvanyi claims snowboarding silver medal

Nova Scotia has won its second medal at the 2015 Canada Winter Games.

Maddie Radvanyi of Wolfville snagged silver in parallel giant slalom snowboarding Tuesday in Prince George, B.C.

Marc Chasse of Fall River also came close to medaling Tuesday, but he settled for fourth place in parallel giant slalom.

In women's curling, Nova Scotia topped Manitoba 6-3 and Quebec 6-5 on Tuesday, and is 4-0 in the tournament. **METRO**



# Suarez magic returns in Manchester

## Champions League.

Reigning England player of the year lights up Etihad with Barca

Luis Suarez finally emerged from Lionel Messi's shadow at Barcelona by scoring twice in a 2-1 win over Manchester City on Tuesday, putting the Spanish club within sight of the Champions League quarter-finals for an eighth straight year.

Suarez has found goals harder to come by since moving from Liverpool for \$130 million US last summer, but he rediscovered his scoring touch on his return to England with opportunistic strikes in the 16th and 30th minutes. His goals capped a dominant first-half display by Barca in the last-16 first leg.

City improved considerably after the break, with Sergio Aguero reducing the deficit in the 69th, but the home side lost defender Gael Clichy to a red card and was thankful for Joe Hart's last-minute penalty

### On Tuesday

2

FC Barcelona

1

Manchester City

- In Turin. Juventus settled for a narrow 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund in the first leg of their last-16 tie.
- Carlos Tevez fired Juventus ahead in the 13th minute but Dortmund levelled shortly after through striker Marco Reus.
- Alvaro Morata, who set up the opener, restored Juve's lead shortly before halftime.

save from Messi. With the goal at his mercy, the Argentina star headed the rebound wide to give City renewed hope heading into the second leg on March 18.

"If they lost the game 3-1,

that is really difficult for (City)," Suarez said. "But 2-1 is a good result for them."

Over-run and outplayed in the first half, City was lucky to go into the break only two goals behind as manager Manuel Pellegrini's decision to play a 4-4-2 formation backfired. Barcelona — with Messi to the fore — exploited the extra space in midfield to create chances at will, and Suarez was clinical.

Suarez has a solid — if not spectacular — seven goals in 22 appearances for Barcelona in his first season in Spain and this was the game that announced himself at the club.

Showing the instincts that made him the player of the year in England with Liverpool last season, Suarez pounced on a weak headed clearance by City captain Vincent Kompany and swept a low left-foot finish past Hart.

The Uruguayan striker didn't have to wait long for his second goal, as Messi drifted through two tackles and passed to Jordi Alba, whose delayed cross was glanced in by a sliding Suarez. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Hart and defender Vincent Kompany can only watch as Luis Suarez's 16th-minute goal sizzles in on Tuesday at Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England. LAURENCE GRIFFITHS/GETTY IMAGES

**31**  
Luis Suarez scored 31 league goals in the Premier League with Liverpool last season but has just four in 15 La Liga matches with Barcelona so far.

# Kassian helps injury-depleted Canucks edge Bruins



Zack Kassian celebrates his winning goal at TD Centre in Boston on Tuesday. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zack Kassian broke a 1-1 tie with a goal early in the third period and Eddie Lack preserved the lead with 13 of his 40 saves in the final period for the Vancouver Canucks in a 2-1 win over the struggling Boston Bruins on Tuesday night.

Daniel and Henrik Sedin both picked up assists on the tiebreaking goal 6:47 into the third as the Canucks beat the struggling Bruins for the second time this month.

Ryan Stanton had Vancouver's other goal, beating Tuukka Rask on a slap shot

3:28 into the game to tie it at 1-1 and end a very brief lead for the Bruins.

Daniel Paille scored 1:05 into the game for Boston's only goal despite getting 41 shots. The Bruins are 1-6-2 in their past nine, including a 5-2 loss at Vancouver on Feb. 13.

Rask finished with 26 saves.

There were two quick goals, then the goalies took over for the rest of the first period and all of the second.

Lack faced three power plays in the second period, including one he created

### Eddie Lack

13

Eddie Lack held the Canucks lead with 13 of his 40 saves in the third period in his first career start.

when he was called for tripping with 1:37 left.

He stopped all 20 shots he faced in the period while Rask made 10 saves at the opposite end.

It was Lack's first start since replacing Ryan Miller early in the second period

on Sunday at the New York Islanders after the Vancouver starter was injured in a collision.

Kassian, who served Lack's penalty, broke the deadlock on a slap shot 6:47 into the third, getting assists from both Sedin brothers as the twins continued to pile up points lately.

Henrik has nine points in the past five games and Daniel has seven — all assists — during the five-game stretch.

Vancouver was short of seven regulars due to injuries. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Qatar 2022

## Winter World Cup nearly set

Long seen as inevitable, a 2022 World Cup in November and December is now practically a done deal.

A FIFA task force on Tuesday recommended playing in Qatar at the end of the year in 2022 to avoid the summer heat. Temperatures in the Gulf emirate routinely top 40 degrees C when the World Cup traditionally kicks off in June.

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### MLB



"I haven't changed at all."

Right fielder Giancarlo Stanton who signed a record \$325 million, 13-year contract with the Miami Marlins in November. Despite missing the final 17 games, he led the National League with 37 home runs and he's only 25.

He arrived at spring training in Jupiter, Fla., in the same old Maserati he drove last year. It didn't even sport a vanity plate.

### MLB

## Cain progressing after surgery

Matt Cain pitched his second productive bullpen session of spring training and is encouraged with each step in his recovery from the elbow surgery that cut short his 2014 season with the reigning World Series champion San Francisco Giants.

He's throwing all his pitches and made about 30 in all Monday.

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### NBA



"I figure if LeBron can go home ... why can't I?"

Kevin Garnett at his re-introductory press conference on Tuesday in Minneapolis. Nearly eight years after he left Minnesota, the power forward's goal hasn't changed. He still wants to bring a championship to the Timberwolves.

That may not happen as a player for the 38-year-old. Garnett also said he's in this for the long haul and hopes to one day own the team that he put on the map.

### Tennis

## No. 1 Djokovic bombards Pospisil

It was a tall order for Canada's Vasek Pospisil.

The 24-year-old from Vancouver came up against Novak Djokovic in the first round of the Dubai Tennis Championships on Tuesday, dropping a 6-4, 6-4 decision to the top-ranked Serb.

Djokovic was playing for the first time since he won his fifth Australian Open at the beginning of the month.

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Vasek Pospisil fell 6-4, 6-4 against Novak Djokovic on Tuesday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. GETTY IMAGES



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## 2015 Acura TLX

- **Type.** Four-door, 5-passenger midsize sedan
- **Engines.** 2.4-litre I4 (206); 3.5-litre V6 (290)
- **Transmissions.** 8-speed automatic (I4); 9-speed automatic (V6)
- **Price.** Base \$34,990; as-tested \$38,690 (plus destination)

## Market position

Acura was the first higher-end spinoff by a Japanese company when it debuted in 1986 as a subsidiary of Honda. The TLX bridges the gap between the entry-level ILX and larger RLX.

## Points

- The available Tech trim includes forward collision warning, heated rear seats and steering wheel, lane keeping assist, and navigation, among other features.



An all-wheel steering system on FWD models subtly angles the rear wheels on turns for more precise handling.

## Interesting features

Standard LED headlamps, sunroof, active noise control, and multi-angle rearview camera; available rain-sensing wipers, road departure mitigation, cross-traffic alert, forward collision warning, and heated steering wheel.

# Sedan could use some sparkle



PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

**Review.** Acura shelves prior sedans to release all new 2015 TLX

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After more than a decade of offering both the TL and TSX sedans, Acura has split the difference, retired them both, and introduced the new-for-2015 TLX. It's a relatively low-priced entry into the sports sedan category, but it's not going to slay any of the giants that currently control the segment.

It's available with a V6 engine that can be further op-

tioned with Acura's all-wheel system, which the company calls Super-Handling All-Wheel Drive, or SH-AWD. The name is accurate: able to proportion torque between the rear wheels, it does a great job of sticking to the road.

My tester came with the base 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine, mated to an eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. It's a lively little unit, but it's front-wheel drive (as is the V6 if you don't order AWD) in a segment where most of its competition powers the rear wheels. It also needs a little more steering weight and road feel to be truly sporty.

Four settings let you select Econ, Normal, or two Sport Modes, which adjust



The TLX uses a camera and radar system for its traffic-sensing safety features, which can also detect pedestrians.

the engine and transmission response. I usually kept it in Sport, since the economy mode really dragged down the performance, but it defaulted to that Econ mode every time I started the car. It

would be nice if it could "remember" my last setting.

The cabin materials are all top-notch, and I like the dual centre console screens. While the top one displayed the navigation included in my car's

## Compare



### 1 Audi A4

Base price: \$38,750

Like the TLX, it comes with front- or all-wheel drive, but features a 220-horsepower turbocharged engine.



### 2 Infiniti Q50

Base price: \$37,500

The regular Q50 uses a V6 and is rear-drive or AWD; a hybrid is also available.



### 3 Cadillac ATS

Base price: \$36,110

Choose from three engines, including a four-cylinder V6, and turbocharged 2.0-litre making 272 hp.

Tech Package, the bottom one let me adjust the stereo and other features, without having to switch between the two. But some of the functions are distracting, such as a heated seat control that requires you to page through two computer screens just to change the temperature.

The exterior styling carries Acura's signature cues, and the handsome headlights contain LEDs, but the overall middle-of-the-road design is easily lost in a crowd. The Acura TLX is an okay car for the price, but if it's going to make waves in the sports sedan segment, it needs a shot of excitement.

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DRIVE



# Fight winter gloom with water pressure

**Autopilot.** If your car looks as grimy as *The Walking Dead*, get to the nearest car wash

Winter gloom is a cumulative thing, like being pecked to death by ducks, but special ducks, who wear little tuques and appropriate winter footwear.

If you're a motorist, some of those pecks come from how hard it is to keep your vehicle clean during winter. I'm not talking about concours d'elegance levels of

**Quoted**

Yes, it might be a losing battle. Who knows how long your vehicle will stay clean in February driving? Only hours, probably. But we'll live with that.

clean. I'm talking levels of clean that just make it acceptable to touch the outside of your vehicle without im-

mediately going for the hand sanitizer, or glove sanitizer, if they made such a thing.

Last week our Honda Fit

looked liked it had been dragged through an episode of *The Walking Dead* — the post-apocalyptic ice-age edition — with salt and road grime clinging to every body panel.

Snow and ice in 50 or so shades of grey caked in the wheel wells. Floor mats so soaked with filthy winter juice I had the inclination to hover my feet over them while I worked the pedals.

But during the middle of that week, when I was driving on the other side of town, the sun came out. It was still cold enough to do bad things to a brass monkey, but the sunlight changed everything.

I headed to the first automatic car wash emporium I could find, and got a piece of

paper with a numerical wash code, which I knew would be my ticket to a better winter frame of mind.

My enthusiasm was a bit tempered, at first at least, because so many others had the same inspiration, and I was about seventh in line for the wash, but then I sensed the power of the collective movement and bonded with my winter wash comrades.

Yes, it might be a losing battle. Who knows how long your vehicle will stay clean in February driving? Only hours, probably. But we'll live with that. A vehicle coming through the wash tunnel, all shiny and glinting in the sun, is a fleeting, good thing. And not a bad way to give Old Man Winter a swift kick in the shin.



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- To prevent frozen doors and locks after a wash in super frigid temperatures, apply lock de-icer and use terry cloths to wipe down door jams and posts.
- Wipe wipers down to



# Should the Big Three be worried about an iCar?

**Technology.** As the auto world becomes increasingly digitized, companies like Apple are poised to invest

Is the future of the car industry in Silicon Valley? After Tesla and Google, Apple appears to be readying for a plunge into the industry long rooted far away in the steel belt of the U.S. Midwest.

According to various media reports, the maker of iPhones and iPads has created a special unit dubbed Titan with hundreds of staff to begin developing an electric car, with 2020 the target date. Apple remains silent on the project, but the reports were partially backed up by a lawsuit filed against the tech giant. Bat-

tery maker 123 Systems has accused Apple of aggressively poaching its staff. But it puts Apple in line with Tesla, the current champion of the electric car, and Google, the online giant which is focused on the self-driving, also-electric Google Car.

The Big Three automakers — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler (now a part of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, FCA) — are taking the threat from the Detroit outsiders seriously.

"Given the company's (Apple's) tremendous capabilities, that is no surprise to anyone," GM spokesman Dan Flores said. At Chrysler, spokesman Eric Maynes said: "We can't comment on something we haven't seen." Ford had no comment on Apple's plans, either, but the No. 2 automaker recently opened a research centre in Palo Alto,



Apple CarPlay CONTRIBUTED

in the heart of Silicon Valley, as it looks to the future of self-driving automobiles.

Bill Visnic, an analyst at industry specialist Edmunds.com, said that given

the seven-year average time frame to develop and bring a car to the mass market, the Detroit giants are not under serious pressure yet.

Even with the unexpect-

ed success of Tesla, the company still sold fewer than 35,000 cars last year in an national market of more than 16 million units. "Apple is not an immediate

## Money to spend

- Apple has the cash to put into a new car — some \$180 billion in capital built up to invest in new projects.
- But "the automotive space is so highly competitive today, and margins in new car sales are extraordinarily thin, which is something Apple is not used to," says Alec Gutierrez, a market analyst at Kelley Blue Book.

threat to the U.S. auto industry. I don't think you'll see the volume there, the number of cars won't really begin to approach anything like Detroit is making right now at any time soon," said Visnic. **AFP**

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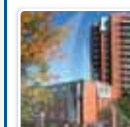


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### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

You must expect changes today, and if you are smart you will change yourself. The most vital change you can make is in your attitude towards others.

#### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

Ignore those you don't get along with today and spend your time with people whose beliefs are in tune with yours.

#### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

Something you've worried about for ages is not important and what happens today will convince you of that.

#### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

You want to be on the move. You want to get away from your usual environment and do something different. But don't make it anything too energetic. If you can't do it sitting down, it's most likely not for you.

#### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

A friend or family member will bend over backwards to help you today and if you are smart you will let them, even though you don't want to be in their debt. If you need financial assistance now is the time to ask.

#### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

This is a good time for partnerships and affairs of the heart, so forget about all the things that went wrong in the past and think of all the things that will go right in the future.

#### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Forget about duties and do what makes you happy. You are not in the mood for work and if you try to force yourself to do things that don't inspire you the end result will be frustration.

#### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

If you are not feeling on top of the world don't worry about it because it won't be long before your mood moves rapidly in the other direction.

#### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

If you need to persuade someone to see things your way or to do you a favour this is the time to make your play.

#### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

If you need to say something that might upset people, say it now rather than later. The Sun in the communications area of your chart will help you find the words to convey your meaning.

#### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Don't let money worries stop you from enjoying yourself. There are times when you must watch what you spend and times when you should splash out. This is one of the latter.

#### ♓ Pisces

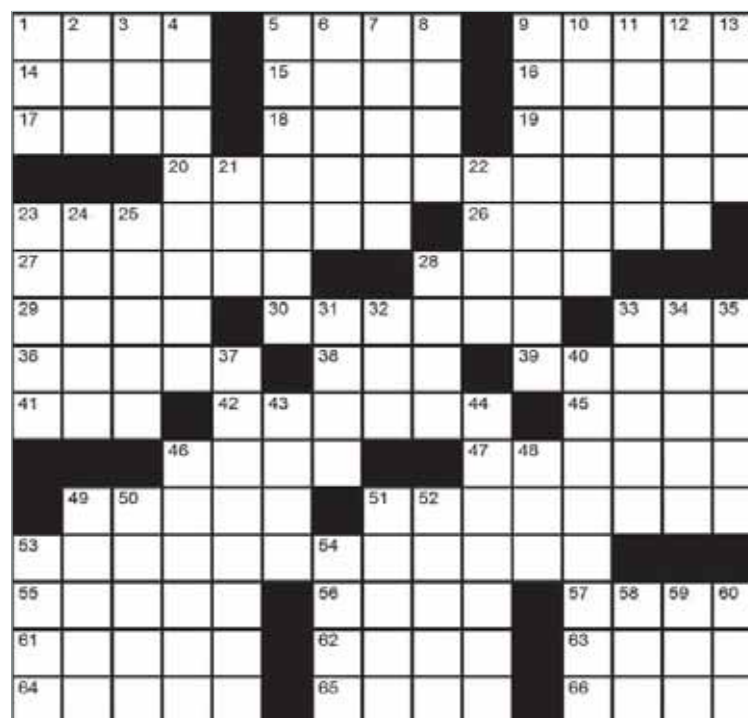
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

Something you've worried about will worry you no longer come the end of the week. Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign means your outlook is changing.

### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

1. Brush alternative
5. Zippo
9. Scandinavian language, in Oslo's country
14. Iridescent gem
15. Aesir ruler
16. Calgary-born singer Melissa
17. Mr. Preminger
18. Western prov.
19. Story, in a house, in French
20. Town in #18-Across, a religious crossing?: 2 wds.
23. Period of History Channel's "Vikings": 2 wds.
26. R. Lee \_\_, "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor
27. The Night of the \_\_, Tennessee Williams play
28. Stubbing \_\_\_\_ (Ottoman-bumping result)
29. Recounted
30. King on the show at #12-Down
33. 2002 Jennifer Lopez remix album: 'I to \_\_ L-O!'
36. Mr. Bratton of "The Office"
38. Sleuth, shortly
39. Plastic wrap
41. Possessed
42. Actor Mr. Garfield
45. Wrongdoing, in law



46. So longs
47. "That's good enough.": 2 wds.
49. Analyze/break down
51. Canadian actress Ms. Gilsig (More at #12-Down!)
53. As per #30-Across... Female warrior like the char-

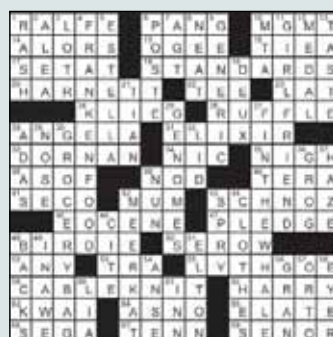
- acter Lagertha
55. " \_\_ la vista, baby." - The Terminator
56. Reverse
57. Wild-no-more
61. Synthetic fibre
62. Appear to be
63. Ottawa Senators defenceman Chris Phillips, pronounced KRIHS FIHL-\_\_

64. Alter text
  65. Gibraltar, et al.
  66. Droops
- Down**
1. Dove's sound effect
  2. Choose
  3. Doorway carpet
  4. Passage-hindering war tactic
  5. Coffee-orderer's request: 2 wds.

6. On \_\_ (How pranks might begin)
7. CDs parts, variantly
8. Cross of ancient Egypt
9. Free from typos, for instance: 2 wds.
10. Prompt: 2 wds.
11. The Cloister and the Hearth novelist Charles

12. #51-Across' role on History Channel's "Vikings"
13. Twittering Machine artist, Paul \_\_ (b.1879 - d.1940)
21. Lucas' Solo
22. Alpha, \_\_ gamma...
23. Trench
24. Prefix to 'phobia'
25. Reigned
28. 'A' of AM
31. Tots up
32. Eur. country
33. Creature of Scandinavian folklore
34. Robust
35. 19th-century composer Mr. Bruckner
37. Alberta town southeast of Edmonton
40. Plato's lost island
43. Require
44. Wisenesses
46. Crackers brand
48. Literary monogram
49. Shoppers Drug Mart, e.g.
50. Theatre lane
51. Wayne Gretzky's wife
52. Downy duck
58. Sock's coverer, often
54. Make messy
58. '80s band from Norway
59. Car advertisement fig.
60. Curved letter

### Yesterday's Crossword



#### Online

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### Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

#### How to play

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### Yesterday's Sudoku



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